

Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended as follows. A revised Abstract, including the changes reflected below, is attached.

An immersion heater device for aquariums and the like, ~~is described, comprising~~ The heater device has a casing (2) which contains a heating element (6). The casing, at least in the region of a radiant zone of the heating element, ~~comprises~~ includes a layered structure having at least one layer of metal material (8) and one layer of plastics material (9), ~~wherein~~ the layer of metal material (8) is interposed between the heating element (6) and the layer of plastics material (9).

Attachment